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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION, 37 CFR §1.111

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To the Commissioner:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 6, 2004, the time period for response set to expire February 6, 2005, by virtue of the Petition for One-Month Extension of Time filed herewith, Applicants request favorable reconsideration in view of the following amendments and accompanying remarks submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Applicants' Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

A Revocation of Power of Attorney, Granting of Power of Attorney, and Change of Address accompanies this paper, as does a **Certificate Under 37 CFR §3.73(b)**. Please forward all further communications in this matter to: Intellectual Property Dept., DeWitt Ross & Stevens S.C., US Bank Building, 8000 Excelsior Drive, Suite 401, Madison, WI 53717-1914.